LAW SECRETARIAT

Constitutes a Committee for Jail Reforms.

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The question of appointing a Committee with a view to examine the present working of the jails and lock-ups, and suggest reforms for improving the same, has been pressed upon the attention of Government for some time past both in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. A considerable period of time has elapsed since the subject of prison administration in India was subjected to comprehensive enquiry. The system in force in Mysore, which is more or less the same in essentials as in British India, has remained almost unchanged during the last 25 years and more. The Government consider that the time has arrived for a thorough overhauling of the machinery and methods in the light of experience here and elsewhere, and of progressive ideas as to the treatment of prisoners and the moral and deterrent effect of prison discipline. They are accordingly pleased to appoint a Committee consisting of the undermentioned officials and non-official gentlemen to make an enquiry into the whole matter of prison administration in the Mysore State, the efficacy of the existing system, and any defects therein, and to suggest remedies and improvements on practicable lines.

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The Committee will consider the following among other points falling within the scope of the enquiry.

(1) The appropriateness and efficacy of the present system in the matter of its reformatory and deterrent effects;
(2) the classification of criminals and discrimination in regard to their treatment in jail;
(3) the employment of prisoners on appropriate forms of labour, including jail industries;
(4) the instruction and training of prisoners;
(5) the health and well-being of the inmates of prisons including those under trial;
(6) jail discipline, prison offences and punishments;
(7) dietary;
(8) release of prisoners on parole or security;
(9) the aftercare of discharged prisoners, including facilities for their reinstatement in social and economic life;
(10) jail visitors and honorary helpers in welfare work;
(11) prison staff, their recruitment, training duties and emoluments;
(12) number and location of prisons; and
(13) finance.

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